



Missouri Department of Natural Resources

MINUTES MISSOURI SOIL AND WATER DISTRICTS COMMISSION TELEPHONE CONFERENCE CALL Lewis and Clark State Office Building Jefferson City, Missouri February 21, 2006

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT VIA TELEPHONE: John Aylward, Kathryn Braden, Elizabeth Brown, Richard Fordyce, Baughn Merideth,

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT: Leon Kreisler

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT VIA TELEPHONE: DEAN THOMAS PAYNE, UNIV. OF MISSOURI: David Baker

ADVISORY MEMBERS PRESENT VIA TELEPHONE: NRCS: Roger Hansen;
MASWCD: Steve Oetting

ADVISORY MEMBERS PRESENT: SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION PROGRAM: Sarah Fast

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Jim Boschert, Theresa Mueller, Ken Struempf, Bill Wilson

OTHERS PRESENT: Department of Natural Resources: Richard Moore

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Elizabeth Brown called the meeting to order by telephone at the Lewis and Clark State Office Building in Jefferson City, Missouri, in the Sugar Loaf Room at 2:00 pm.

Bill Wilson stated that because immediate action was necessary to continue the operation of the Stone County Soil and Water Conservation District this meeting by telephone conference call had been deemed necessary by the members of the commission.

He stated that the agenda was not posted for the 24 hour notice on Friday until 3:00 pm so there was only a 23 hours notice due to the holiday on February 20, 2006, so as to comply with the Sunshine Law this statement was needed.

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B. APPOINTMENT TO THE STONE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Jim Boschert presented the commission appointments for the Board of Supervisor for Stone County.

He stated that per Statute 279.110 (2) in case of death, removal of residence from the county, or resignation from office of any elected member, his successor to the unexpired term shall be appointed by the state soil and water district commission. He informed the commission that they had received a resignation letter from Don Chastain, but not the other three supervisors.

After discussing this with DNR legal staff, they stated that the commission could approve the names submitted contingent on receiving the resignation letters for the current supervisors. Once the resignation letters are received, then the appointed supervisors would take office. He stated the county commissioners were working on getting the letters from the board members.

He informed the commission that they had been working with the Stone County Commissioners to come up with an appointee for each of the areas, making sure that they qualified for the board member position. He also stated that the county commission agreed to serve as board members until a new board could be elected. He pointed out that only two of the county commissioners' own land in Stone County and they both own it in the same supervisor area. Because of this, only one of them would be able to serve on the district board. He stated that George Cutbirth had agreed to serve on the board. He indicated that the county treasurer, Kristi Stephens had expressed a desire to serve on the district board also.

Elizabeth Brown asked if that was the presiding commissioner. Mr. Boschert answered yes.

Leon Kreisler made a motion that pursuant to section 278.110.2, RSMo, that at such time that a resignation of Elmer Curbow, from the position of Stone County District Supervisor has been secured by the Department of Natural Resources, Kristi Stephens, Treasurer of Stone County shall serve as interim district supervisor in the resulting unexpired term. Kathryn Braden seconded the motion. When polled, John Aylward, Kathryn Braden, Richard Fordyce, Leon Kreisler, Baughn Merideth, and Elizabeth Brown voted in favor of the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Leon Kreisler made a motion that pursuant to section 278.110.2, RSMo, that at such time that a Billy Joe Curbirth, from the position of Stone County District Supervisor has been secured by the Department of Natural Resources, George Cutbirth, Presiding

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Commissioner of Stone County shall serve as interim district supervisor in the resulting unexpired term. Richard Fordyce seconded the motion. When polled, John Aylward, Kathryn Braden, Richard Fordyce, Leon Kreisler, Baughn Merideth, and Elizabeth Brown voted in favor of the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

When asked about the district employees, Ms. Fast stated that they had not resigned to her knowledge. When asked about the county commissioner working on acquiring the resignations, Ms. Fast stated that they had one resignation, Don Chastain, and there was indication that the others were working on their resignations. When asked if that would be the two positions, other than George Cutbirth's, Ms. Fast answered that they did not know yet. It would be up to the new board as to where they would have nominees for new board members. Ms. Brown stated that it was her understanding that someone from the program would train the new employees, Ms. Fast stated that was correct.

L. ADJOURNMENT

Kathryn Braden moved the meeting be adjourned. Baughn Merideth seconded the motion. Motion approved by consensus at 2:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah E. Fast, Director
Soil and Water Conservation Program

Approved by:

Elizabeth Brown, Chairman
Missouri Soil & Water Districts Commission

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